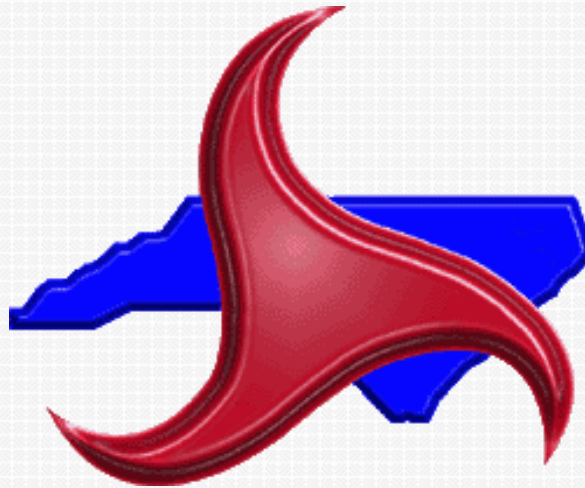


NC 143 Improvements

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Purpose of Tonight's Meeting



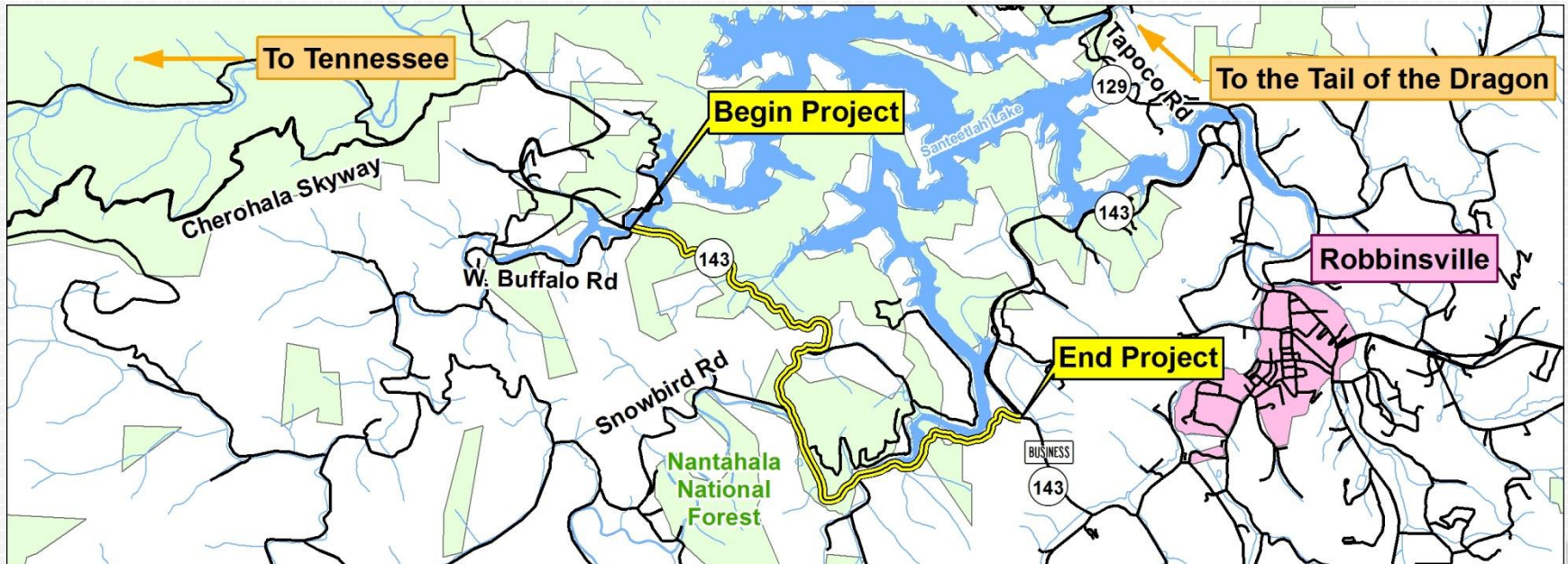
- Review project maps and information
- Speak with project representatives
- Complete comment sheet



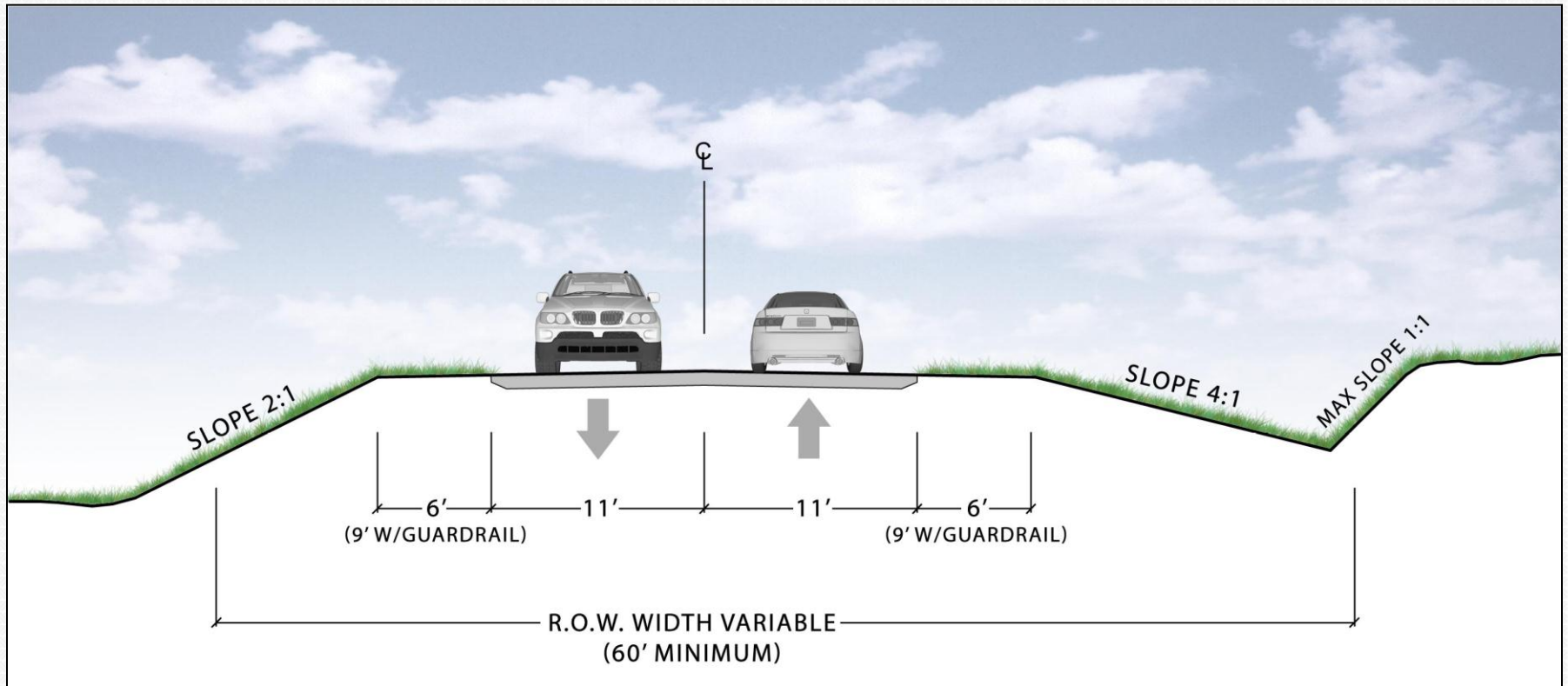
Project Overview



- Improve NC 143 from West Buffalo Creek to NC 143 Business west of Robbinsville
- Project length: 4.5-miles
- Proposed roadway: Two-lane facility with 11-ft lanes and 6-ft grassed shoulders



Proposed Roadway



Project Purpose



- Improve safety along NC 143 using context sensitive solutions



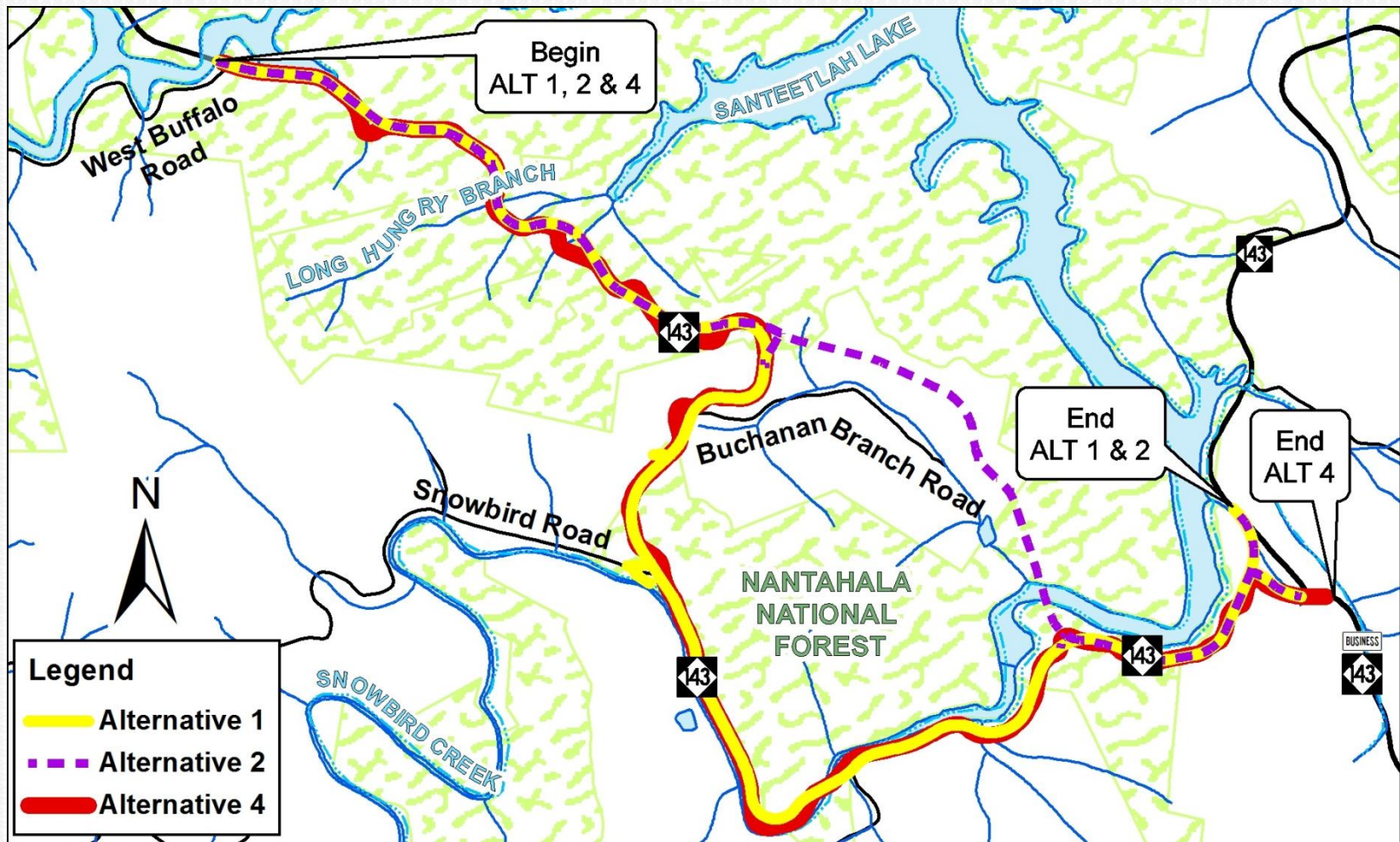
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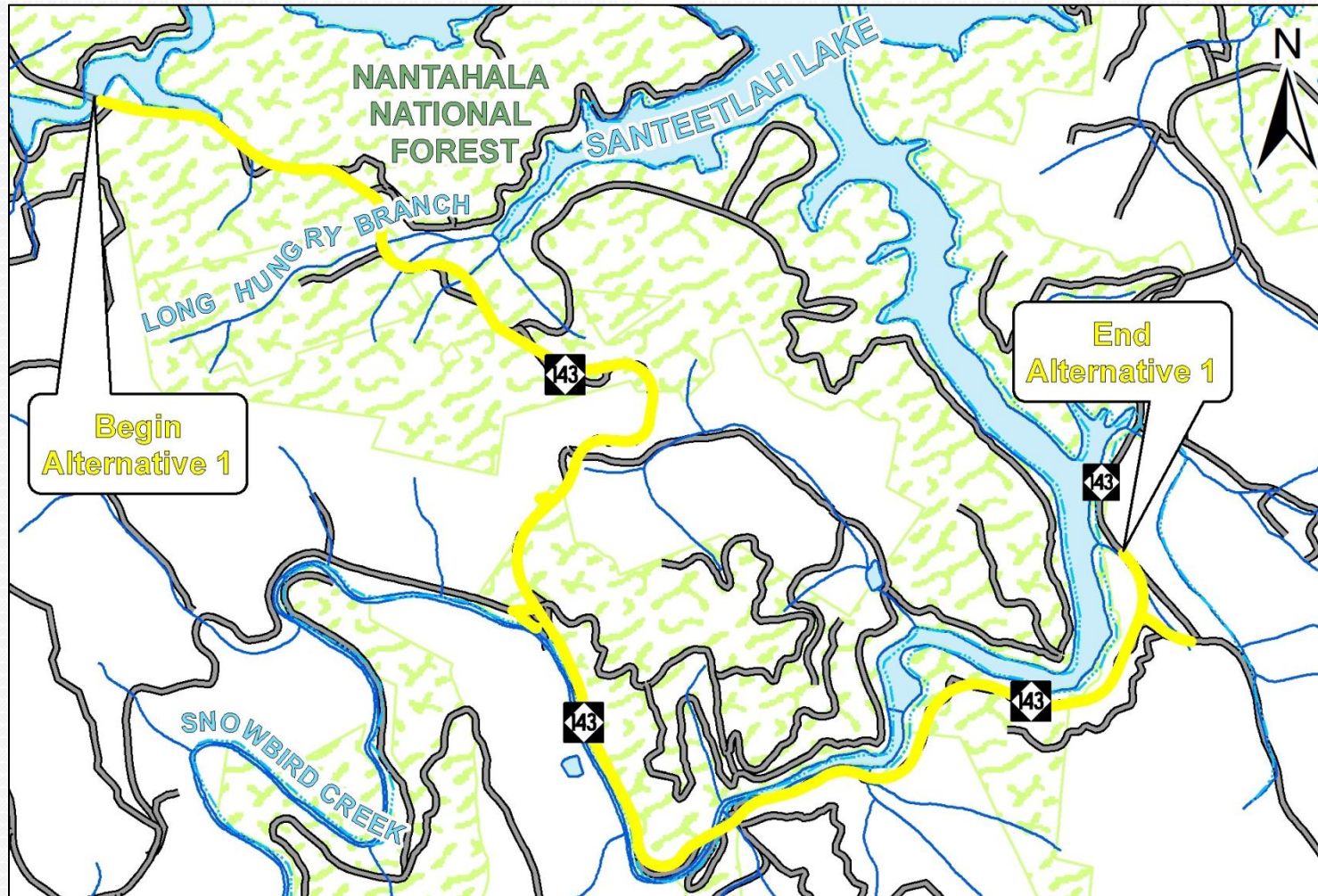
- **March 1993:** Feasibility study completed
- **January 2007:** Project purpose and project study area defined
- **March 2008:** Snowbird Community meeting
- **May 2008:** Local officials meeting and Citizens' Informational Workshop
- **August 2008:** EBCI Tribal Council meeting
- **December 2010:** Selected alternatives to be evaluated



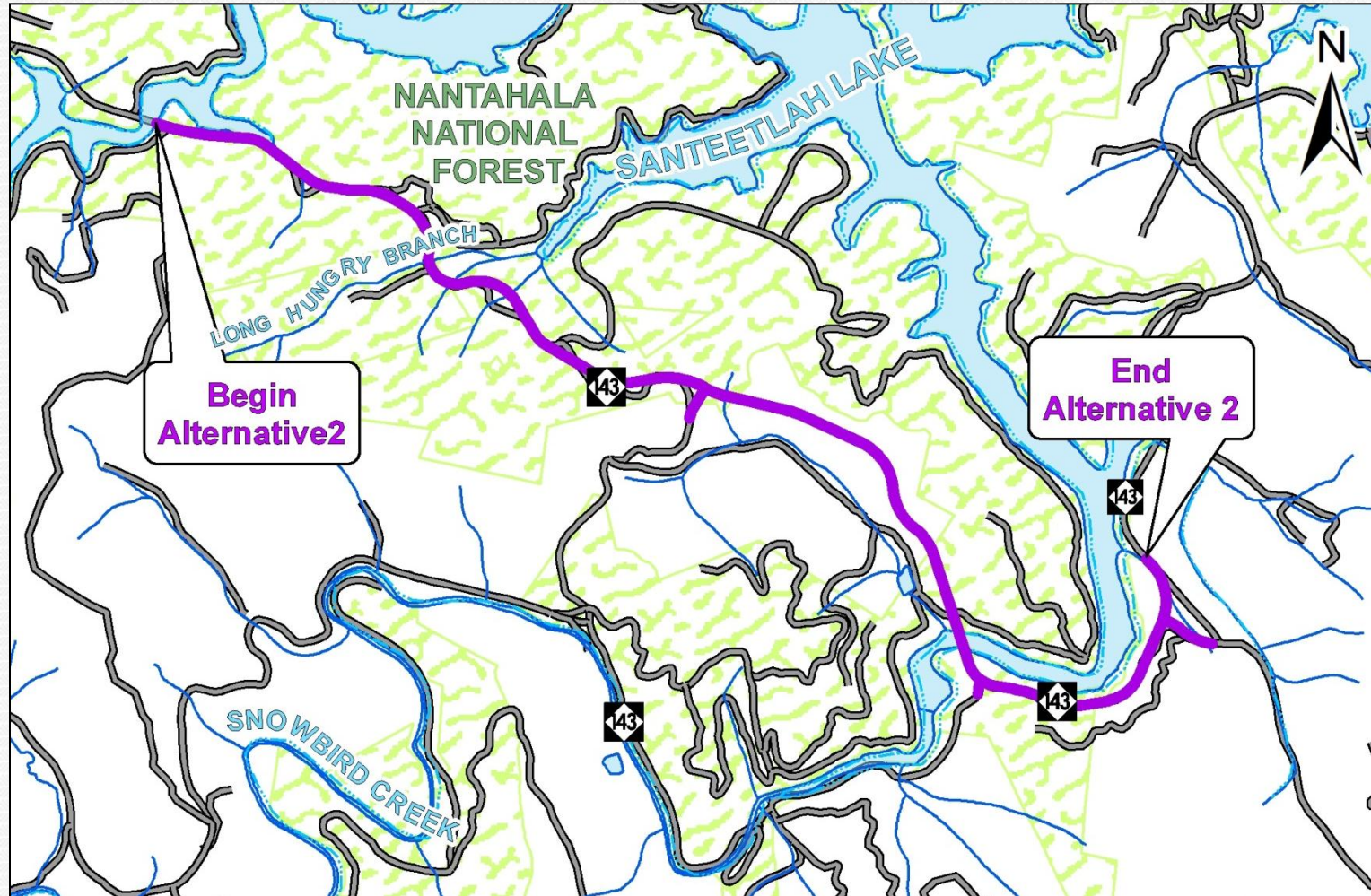
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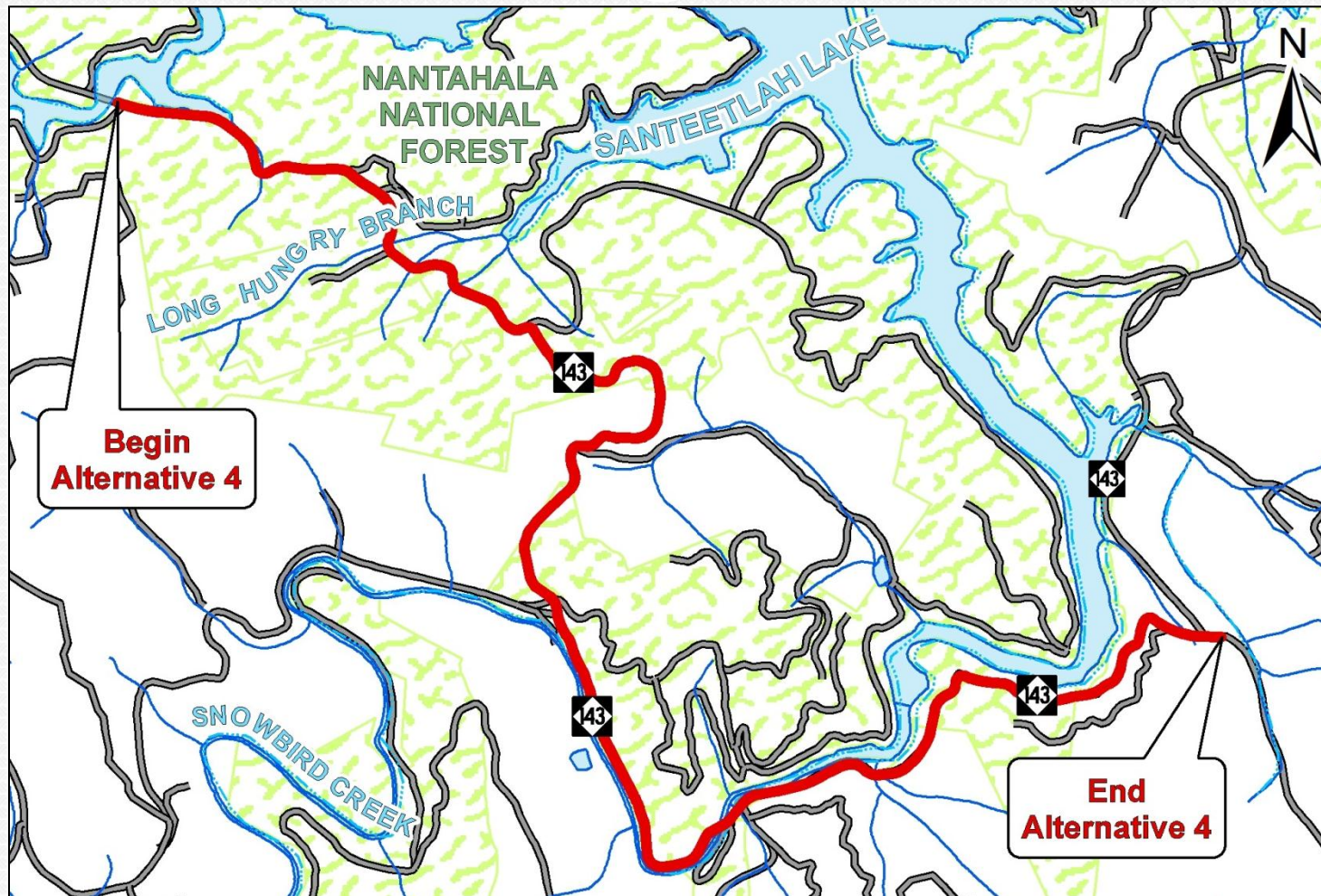
Alternative 1



Alternative 2



Alternative 4



Discarded Alternative: Alternative 3



- Adverse impacts to Nantahala National Forest and Santeetlah Lake

Potential Effects



- Improve safety on NC 143
- Enhance tourism industry in Graham County
- Residences, businesses, and properties
- Streams, wetlands, and forested areas
- Nantahala National Forest
- EBCI tribal lands and traditional cultural properties
- Other cultural resources
- Noise impacts during construction
- Character of road

Project Schedule



- January 2014: Environmental Assessment
- Summer 2014: Public hearing
- April 2015: Finding of No Significant Impact
- Fiscal Year 2017*: Right-of-way acquisition
- Fiscal Year 2019*: Construction

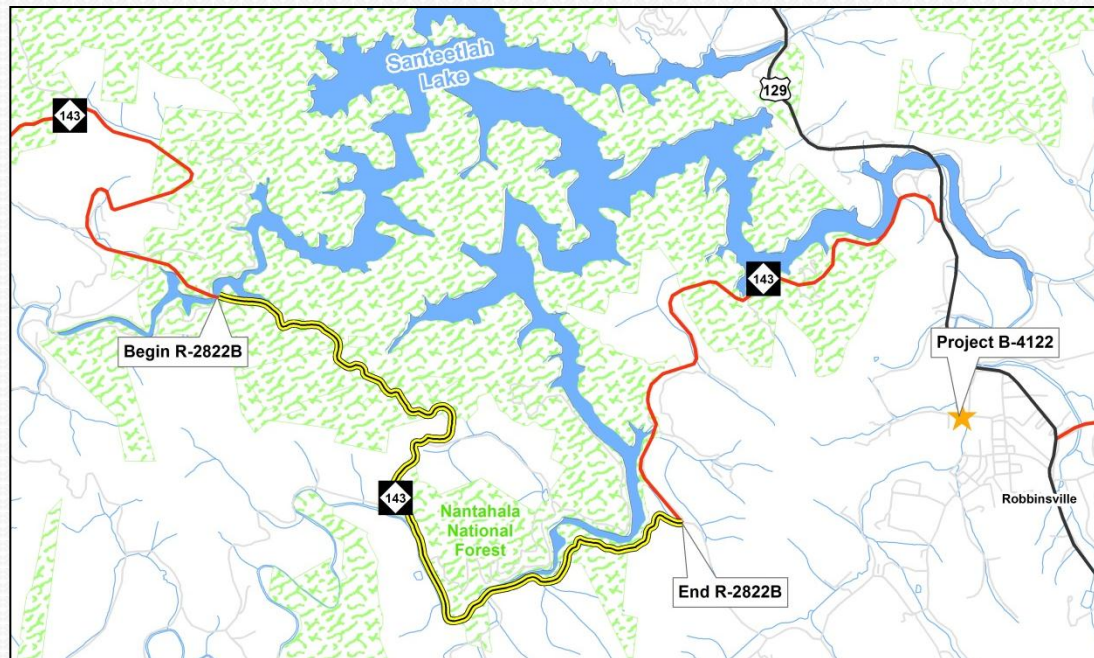
*Shown schedules are subject to change.



Other Nearby NCDOT Projects



- Bridge Replacement over Long Creek (STIP Project B-4122)
- Corridor “K” - NCDOT Project A-9BC (US 74 Relocation)
 - For more information, please visit the project website at:
<http://www.ncdot.gov/projects/US74Relocation>



Right-of-Way Acquisition and Relocation Assistance



- NCDOT's policy is to:
 - Contact affected property owners and conduct property appraisals
 - Treat all owners and tenants equally
 - Provide fair market value for property
 - Offer property owner relocation assistance and explain procedures
- Right-of-Way agents are available tonight to answer your questions



While You're Here...



- Pick up a handout, which contains:
 - Project information
 - A Title VI survey
 - A comment sheet
- View maps
- Talk with project team
- Complete comment sheet and leave it with us or mail it to us by December 28



For More Information on the NC 143 Improvement Project



Contact:

Wilson Stroud

NCDOT Project Development Engineer

You can view the project website at:

www.ncdot.gov/projects/nc143

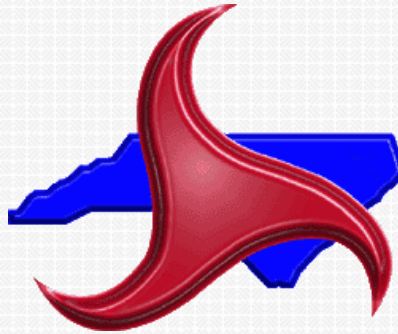
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Thank you for participating in tonight's meeting!



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The presentation will begin again shortly.

